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SUBJ: COORDINATION OF CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. WE HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO COORDINATION OF CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE MISSION NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN (NCAP) IS DRAWN UP BY THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED. SINCE CUSTOMS DOES NOT HAVE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, CUSTOMS PROGRAMS ARE WORKED OUT IN PRINCIPLE IN ADVANCE AND INCLUDED IN THE NCAP (SEE BELOW). AS THE NCAP IS DEVELOPED WE DECIDE WHICH TRAINING WOULD BEST CONTRIBUTE TO MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES. SUCH TRAINING IS THEN PROPOSED IN THE NCAP WHICH IS REVIEWED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND APPROVED PERSONALLY BY HIM.

2. INASMUCH AS TRAINING OFFERED IS PART OF A COORDINATED COUNTRY APPROACH THERE IS NO DUPLICATION. WHILE CUSTOMS DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, IT HAS SENT PEOPLE FROM WASHINGTON IN EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS TO DISCUSS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (AMONG OTHER THINGS) WITH US AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. CUSTOMS TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE NCAP THUS REFLECT NOT ONLY OUR THINKING BUT ALSO THAT OF BOTH U.S. AND URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS

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3. UNLIKE THE EXPERIENCE DESCRIBED AT SOME OTHER POST,
WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE.
IT HAS FOLLOWED UP ON EVERY COMMITMENT MADE TO US AND
TO HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

4. GIVEN LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND OUR MODUS OPERANDI, THE
QUESTION OF "EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES"
HAS NOT ARISEN HERE. EACH AGENCY HAS A DISTINCT ROLE TO PLAY
IN MEETING U.S. OBJECTIVES AND EACH HAS DONE IT WELL.
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